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District Man Sentenced to 13 ½ Years in Prison For Armed Robbery, Other Crimes - In One Case, He Robbed a Woman, Then Fled From Police -

WASHINGTON - Oral Reid, 22, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to 13 ½ years in prison for armed robbery and other crimes, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Reid was convicted by a jury in April 2011 of armed robbery, possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, felony fleeing, and reckless driving for offenses he committed on August 1, 2010. He was sentenced on July 11, 2011 to a nine-year prison term by the Honorable Gerald I. Fisher in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In a separate court proceeding that day, Reid was sentenced to an additional 4 ½ years in prison for stealing a car and other crimes.

The robbery case stemmed from an incident that began about 4:30 a.m. on August 1, 2010, in which Reid put a gun to the head of a woman who was working as a prostitute and robbed her in the 1200 block of 13th Street NW. After giving up her money, the victim ran to a nearby police car for help and pointed out Reid's vehicle. Reid rode off, leading to a police pursuit through the District of Columbia and into Montgomery County, Maryland. During the pursuit, Reid rode into the opposite lane and went through multiple red lights. He was arrested after he tried to abandon his vehicle in Montgomery County. Officers recovered a BB gun and cash from the vehicle.

In the other case, Reid was arrested on December 10, 2010 while driving a stolen vehicle. He also had failed to appear for court in another matter. He pled guilty to charges in those crimes and was sentenced to the additional 4 ½ years in prison by the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr.

In announcing the sentences, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department, and particularly praised the work of Detectives Thomas Smith, David Adams, and Curtis Prince Jr., and Officers Faraz Khan, Arthur Kimball, Reinard Naves, Dale Vernick, Gabriel Willoughby, Christopher Woody, Thomas Caddell, Esteban Echazabal, Jason Hickman, Andrew Stout, Rudolph Tyson, Jeremy Verdon, and Andre Kimvilakani. U.S.

Attorney Machen also expressed his appreciation to the Montgomery County police department for its assistance. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of U.S. Attorney's Office Paralegals Wanda Trice and Tamaya Reid. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys April Fearnley, Lauren Bates, and Michael Tomaselli, who prosecuted the cases.

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